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S E C O N D C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR MRN VICE 8655)

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TAGS: MOPS, IS, US, XF

SUBJECT: HOSTILITIES ON SUEZ FRONT

1. DEPDIRGEN , MFA, EVRON PASSED TO US THE FOLLOWING
CONCERNING SITUATION ON SUEZ FRONT AS OF 1600 LOCAL (DETAILS
OF THE ACTION WILL, AS USUAL, BE FORWARDED THROUGH DATT CHANNELS).

2. ACCORDING TO EVRON, THE EGYPTIANS HAVE AGAIN INITIATED
HOSTILITIES IN VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR
WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THEIR TERRITORIAL HOLDINGS ON THE EAST
BANK AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BREAKING THE SIEGE OF THE THIRD
ARMY ON EAST BANK BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO JELL. AS CONCERNS THIS OPERATION, EVRON
CLAIMS THAT THE EGYPTIAN FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO BREAK OUT TO
THE EAST AND OTHER EGYPTIAN FORCES ARE ATTACKING THE ISRAELI
FORCES FROM THE WEST. EVRON ALSO SAID THAT EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT
WERE PARTICIPATING IN THESE ENGAGEMENTS.

3. EVRON CONCLUDED THAT THE GOI BELIEVES THAT, GIVEN THE
NATURE OF THE EGYPTIAN ATTACKS ON THE GROUND AND THE USE OF
EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT, THE HOSTILITIES WERE NOT INITIATED BY THE
LOCAL COMMANDER ON THE GROUND BUT THAT THIS IS A COORDINATED
SECRET

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OPERATION UMDER ORDERS OF THE EGYPTIAN GHQ IN CAIRO. HE
ADDED THAT THE IDF WOULD "DO WHAT IT HAD TO DO" UNDER
THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. DATT CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN SPECIAL BRIEFING BY GEN ZEIRA
IDF INTELLIGENCE CHIEF.

5. PRIMIN HAS ASKED TO SEE ME 5:30 PM LOCAL.
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